

Notice of Determination

Appendix D

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Office of Planning and Research
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From:

Public Agency: CA High-Speed Rail Authority
 Address: 770 L Street Suite 600
 Sacramento, CA 95814
 Contact: Serge Stanich
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Lead Agency (if different from above): _____
 Address: _____

 Contact: _____
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SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.

State Clearinghouse Number (if submitted to State Clearinghouse): 2009082062

Project Title: California High-Speed Rail: Bakersfield to Palmdale Project Section

Project Applicant: California High-Speed Rail Authority

Project Location (include county): Bakersfield to Palmdale, Kern County to Los Angeles County

Project Description:
 See attachment.

This is to advise that the California High-Speed Rail Authority has approved the above
 Lead Agency or Responsible Agency)

described project on August 19, 2021 and has made the following determinations regarding the above
 (date)
 described project.

1. The project will will not] have a significant effect on the environment.
2. An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
 A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures were were not] made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan was was not] adopted for this project.
5. A statement of Overriding Considerations was was not] adopted for this project.
6. Findings were were not] made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the final EIR with comments and responses and record of project approval, or the negative Declaration, is available to the General Public at:

The Authority's website, www.hsr.ca.gov, and the Authority office, 770 L Street Suite 600, Sacramento

Signature (Public Agency):  Title: Director of Environmental Services

Date: 8/19/2021 Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

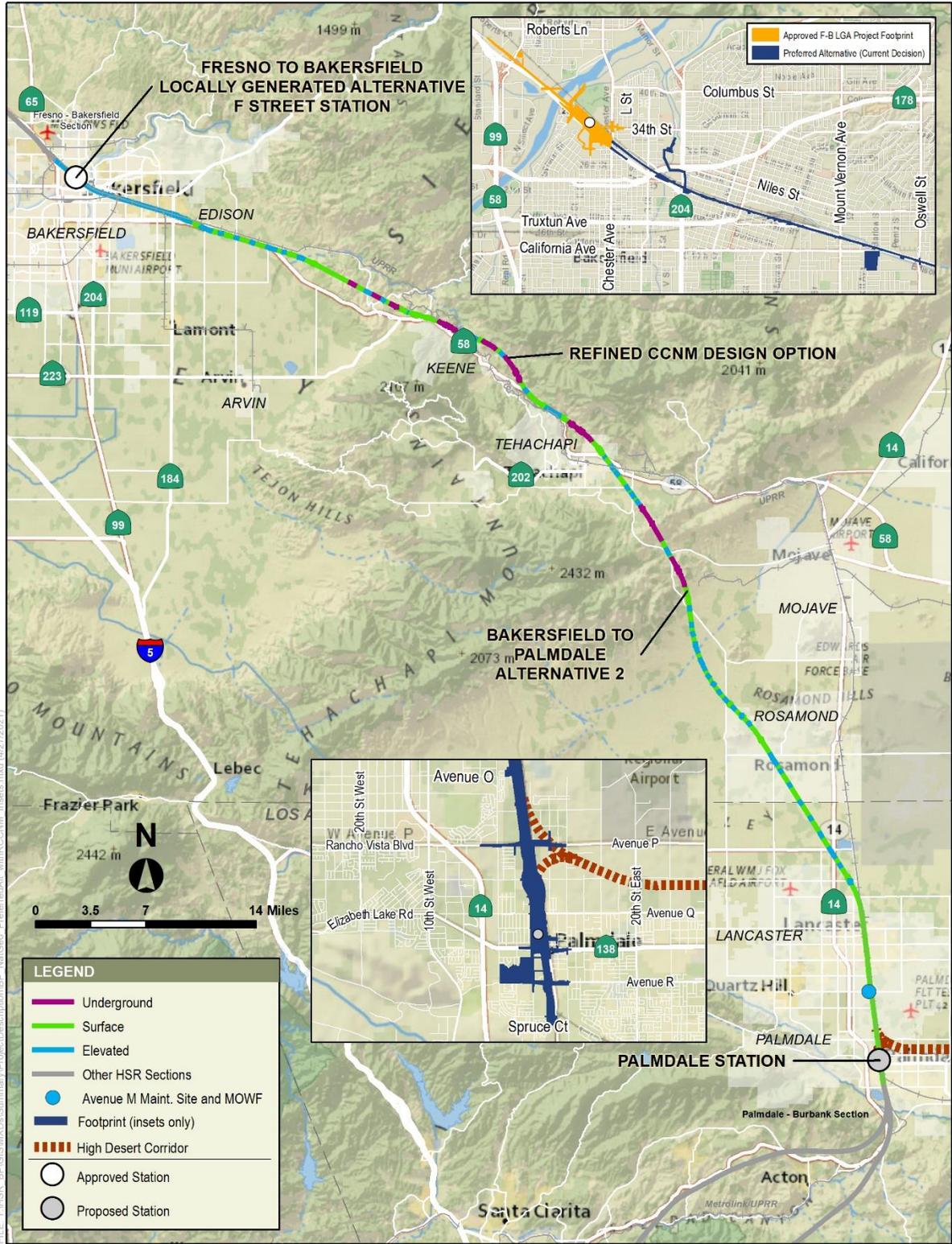
NOTICE OF DETERMINATION (ATTACHMENT 1)

Project Description and Location

The California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) certified a Statewide Program Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS)(Tier 1) in November 2005 as the first phase of a tiered environmental review process for the proposed California High-Speed Rail (HSR) System planned to provide a reliable, high-speed, electric-powered rail system that links the major metropolitan areas of the state and delivers predictable and consistent travel times. A further objective is to provide an interface with commercial airports, mass transit, and the highway network and to relieve capacity constraints of the existing transportation system as increases in intercity travel demand in California occur, in a manner sensitive to and protective of California's unique natural resources. Based on the Program EIR/EIS, the Authority selected preferred corridors and station locations to advance for additional study.

The Authority has prepared an EIR/EIS that further examines the Bakersfield to Palmdale Project Section at the project level (Tier 2) within Kern and Los Angeles counties. The project includes construction and operation of a grade-separated, dedicated double-track, electric-powered, passenger, steel-wheel-on-steel-rail, high-speed railroad between Bakersfield and Palmdale, including a station in Palmdale. The Bakersfield to Palmdale Project Section is approximately 80 miles in length and traverses valley, mountain, and high desert terrain as well as urban, rural, and agricultural lands. From the north, this project section begins immediately southwest of the approved Bakersfield Station at the intersection of 34th and L Streets in Bakersfield, and extends south and southeast through the Tehachapi Mountains, then descends into the Antelope Valley, where it reaches the Palmdale Station and continues approximately 1 mile south of the station to Spruce Court in Palmdale.

Through Resolution # HSRA 21-06, the Authority has approved the Bakersfield to Palmdale Project Section Preferred Alternative (Alternative 2 with the Refined César E. Chávez National Monument Design Option, the Avenue M maintenance site and maintenance-of-way facility, and Palmdale Station), as shown on the attached map.



Map of Approved Preferred Alternative